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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 08/989,896

Filing Date: December 12, 1997 (CPA filed February 7, 2001)

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Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: D. Saunders

Attorney Docket Number: 2481.1337-04

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

### a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [Date] \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
  - i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (2 Month) \$420.00
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,170.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

## Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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Date: May 3, 2004

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, the period for response having been extended to May 3, 2004, by a request for extension of 2 months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning at page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin at page 12.